

1. Call to Order

David Riley, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Starr's Cave Nature Center

Those Members Present: David Riley, Cathy Ziglar, and James steer.

Those Members Absent: Stacey Rector and Dennis Imler

Others Present: Chris Lee, Kim Perlstein and Joel Behne

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda:

- a. None

3. Delegations/Public Input:

- a. None.

4. Approval of Minutes:

#24 Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the minutes of the March 07, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

6. Approval of Report of Activities for March 2012:

#25 a. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the reports of activity for March 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

7. Approval of Claims for March 2012:

#26 a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the claims for March 2012. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

8. Acceptance of Donations:

- a. F & M Bank & Trust, \$50.00 Big Hollow Fundraiser - Wilderness Run.
- b. Burlington Education Association, \$300.00 Leopold WW Contest.
- c. MTC Technologies, \$50.00 Big Hollow Fundraiser - Polar Plunge Pledge for Supervisor Beck.
- d. Henry Bohlen, \$500.00 Big Hollow Lake Project.
- e. Burlington Model Airplane Club, Inc., \$100.00 - Ted Francis President.
- f. Robert Sayer, \$100.00 Leopold WW Contest.
- g. Pzazz, \$200.00 value. Plates, cups and napkins for the Earth Day Clean-up.
- h. Linkin Estates LLC, \$100.00 Big Hollow donation from Land Owners Workshop.
- i. Robert Zoarski/Memorial. \$160.00 for the Big Hollow Shooting Range.
- j. Jerry Rigdon/Champion Tools, \$100.00 Leopold WW Contest.
- k. John Vallandingham, \$75.00 Big Hollow Lake Project.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. **Shooting Range:** Jim Steer. They had a meeting and reviewed the shooting policy. Will save comments for New Business c.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** Director Perlstein. MOA has been written by Wapsi Valley. Agreed with the requirements. MOA is now out for review.
- c. **Observatory:** Ziglar: Attendance is up due to beautiful weather. Will be scheduling yearly meeting. Brian Metzger will be giving a lecture on April 12, 2012.
- d. **REAP:** Riley: No report.

10. Project Updates:

a. Operations Supervisor: Chris Lee reported:

- Trail around the lake has been completed. It is in better shape than any time in the past.
- Cabin: Kevin Moore has ordered materials and will be starting on it with his scouts this month.
- Summer Interns. Amy Holley and Patrick Moore have been hired for the summer as seasonal employees.
- Docks are out at all of our river accesses and at Big Hollow.
- Campgrounds are all open and the Campground Hosts are in place.
- Reports at Big Hollow indicate that fishing has been good up to the recent cold snap.

11. Old Business:

a. 50th Anniversary update:

Big Hollow Fundraiser: Wilderness Run.

The race was successfully held on April 7th. Had a turnout of 97 runners for the first event.

Director read an email and a thank you with a \$250.00 donation for Big Hollow.

Ranger Patrick Rogge did a great job on organizing this event. Most likely will be a yearly from now on.

May Wildlife Walk in Luckenbill Woods will be the next upcoming fundraising event.

Take a “KID” Crappie Fishing Tournament will be held on May 20th.

12. New Business:

a. Fish Habitat Grant

#27 Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Steer, to approve the Fish Habitat Agreement: #12-16, Big Hollow Recreation Area Retention Pond. Not to exceed \$39,226.50. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

b. Horse Traffic Big Hollow

Operations Supervisor Lee presented the Board with Proposed trail rules for both Equestrian/Bicycles. Having these rules in place will allow staff to sign and govern the trails as needed.

#28 Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the Equestrian/Bicycle Trail Rules as presented. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

c. Shooting Range Update – Policy. The shooting range policy has been reviewed by the Shooting Range Advisory Board. Minor changes were made regarding active military. Active military need not take course or pay fee as long as they have a copy of their active duty orders and military ID Card. Inactive or retired military must abide by all the same provisions as other members.

#29 Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to approve the updated Shooting Range Policy. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

13. Informational Items/Correspondence/Board Comments:

- a. None

14. Adjournment:

- #30** a. A motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar, to adjourn the April 11, 2012 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

David Riley, Chair

Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer